quality of work, adherence to implementation of schemes as per programme guidelines. Expenditure under various programmes is monitored based on utilisation certificates submitted by the implementing agencies. Presently independent third party monitoring is done by National Level Monitors.

(e) Does not arise in view of the above.

Bridge on Mathred river in Chirgaon Tehsil of Shimla

366. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether assurance was given for the repair/construction of pucca bridge on Mathred river that connects villages Nandla and other villages in Tehsil Chirgaon of Shimla district in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that despite the assurance in the Parliament no repair work has been carried out so far and there is a threat to the life of people who use the bridge; and

(c) whether Government propose to fix the responsibility on the officials for such criminal negligence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) Yes, Sir. The Ministry however, submitted an Implementation Report in fulfillment of the Assurance on 12.7.2007.

(b) and (c) Current status of the bridge is being ascertained from the State Government of Himachal Pradesh.

Irregularities and bungling in NREG scheme in Himachal Pradesh

367. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of complaints regarding serious irregularities in the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS);

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether any cases of tempering with NREG Scheme records and forged muster rolls with fake attendance of labourers have been detected from an enquiry conducted by a SDM in Himachal Pradesh;

(d) if so, the names and designations of the persons involved; and

(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken against the persons responsible for these irregularities and bungling in NREG Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A total of 184 such complaints have been received from 18 States. Names of the States and the number of complaints received from each State are as under:

S.No.	Name of State	Number of complaints
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2
2.	Assam	4
3.	Bihar	37
4.	Chhattisgarh	3
5.	Gujarat	1
6.	Haryana	7
7.	Himachal Pradesh	2
8.	Jharkhand	32
9.	Karnataka	1
10.	Madhya Pradesh	13
11.	Maharashtra	4
12.	Orissa	10
13.	Punjab	1
14.	Rajasthan	11
15.	Tripura	1
16.	Uttar Pradesh	51
17.	Uttarakhand	2
18.	West Bengal	2
	TOTAL	184

(c) As per information received from the State Government of Himachal Pradesh, a complaint regarding issuance of multiple job cards to family members of the same family and providing more than 100 days of employment to a household in Gram Panchayat Phariyan in district Kangra was made by Smt. Dimpal Rani, Gram Rozgar Sewak, Gram Panchayat Phariyan to Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM), Jawali, district Kangra. The SDM, Jawali has submitted his preliminary report to the Deputy Commissioner, Kangra pointing out the above irregularities. However, SDM himself has not done any fact finding enquiry. SDM in his report has not mentioned about tampering with NREG scheme records and forged muster rolls.

(d) and (e) Government of Himachal Pradesh has informed that they have asked the District Programme Coordinator (NREGA), District Kangra to get the matter enquired into within a weeks time and submit the enquiry report. If any malpractice is detected in the enquiry report, the State Government will initiate action against the defaulting persons.